

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-9 are now present in the application. Claims 1-6 and 9 have been amended. Claim 1 is independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim(s) 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are now definite and clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin, U.S. Patent No. 6,386,946. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a combination of elements including "a resilient piece, mounted between the movement transmitting element and the connecting element, the connecting element being urged by the resilient piece upward toward the optical disc". Applicant respectfully submits that the above

combination of elements as set forth in amended independent claim 1 is not disclosed nor suggested by the reference relied on by the Examiner.

Lin discloses a repair machine for compact discs including a grinding wheel 25, a rotation socket 24, and a rotary knob 234 (see FIG. 2). Lin also teaches the rotation socket 24 may be equipped with a motor so that the grinding wheel 23 can rotate automatically (see col. 3, lines 9-11). However, Lin fails to teach any resilient piece mounted between the rotation socket 24 and the other elements. Therefore, Lin fails to teach "a resilient piece, mounted between the movement transmitting element and the connecting element, the connecting element being urged by the resilient piece upward toward the optical disc" as recited in claim 1. Further, the Examiner also failed to specifically indicate which elements of Lin were construed to be the movement transmitting element, the connecting element, and the carrier element as recited in claim 1.

Since Lin fails to teach each and every limitation of amended independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and its dependent claims clearly define over the teachings of Lin. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state of the prior art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

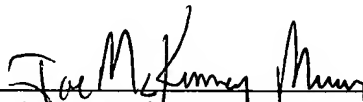
In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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